

**Minutes for Special Town Meeting
Tuesday, February 7, 2012**

To either of the Constables of the Town of Stoneham in the County of Middlesex, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the **Town Hall, 35 Central Street**, on

Tuesday, February 7, 2012

at 7:00 o'clock in the evening to act on the following Articles of this Warrant:

Tellers were appointed to check the names of voters entering the Town Hall and the checklist showed 482 voters were inside the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Lawrence Means at 7:15 PM. Moderator Means asked School Committee member David Maurer to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Means made introductions of officials present, gave a few instructions about his Town Meeting procedures and the warrant was read.

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds an amount of money to be expended under the direction of the Stoneham School Building Committee for the addition to and renovations of the Central School, which will house the Middle School grades 5-8 with a design capacity of 775 students and replace the Stoneham Middle School, both located on the site between Central and Pomeworth Streets, which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children of at least 50 years, and for which the Town may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"). The Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town. Any grant that the Town may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) 57.5 percent (57.5%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; provided that any appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2 ½); or to do anything in relation thereto.

School Building Committee

Article 1. Voted that the Town appropriate the sum of \$39,982,390 for the purpose of paying the costs of the addition to and renovations of the Central School, which will house the Middle School grades 5-8 with a design capacity of 775 students and replace the Stoneham Middle School, both located on the site between Central and Pomeworth Streets, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the “Project”), which facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children for at least 50 years, and for which the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Stoneham School Building Committee. To meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow said amount under M.G.L. Chapter, 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The Town acknowledges that the MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town; provided further that any grant that the Town may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) 57.5% of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; provided that any appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2 ½); and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the Town and the MSBA.

**Motion to Move the Question
Question is Moved
2/3 Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator
Motion for Reconsideration
Cannot Be Reconsidered**

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, Zoning By-law by adding Section 4.5.3.5 to the Business District to read as follows:

4.5.3.5 Allow residential use along Main Street except not in Central Business District provided that no more than five (5) dwelling units shall be allowed in a building.

Planning Board

Article 2. Voted that the subject matter of Article 2 be indefinitely postponed.

**Passes Per Moderator
Indefinitely Postponed**

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the FY2012 Town Clerk Personnel Budget Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) into the FY2012 Veterans Operating Budget. Or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 3. **Voted** that the Town transfer from the FY2012 Town Clerk Personnel Budget Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) into the FY2012 Veterans Operating Budget.

**Majority Vote Required
Passes Unanimous**

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Cemetery Perpetual Care-Income Trust Fund up to \$40,000 to pay expenses related to the development of a Preservation Master Plan for the 1726 Old Burying Ground located on Pleasant Street. A grant received from The Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund will reimburse up to \$20,000 if the project is successfully completed by June 30, 2012. Reimbursed money will be deposited in the Cemetery Perpetual Care-Income Trust Fund.

Stoneham Historical Commission

Article 4. **Voted** that the Town transfer from the Cemetery Perpetual Care-Income Trust Fund up to \$40,000 to pay expenses related to the development of a Preservation Master Plan for the 1726 Old Burying Ground located on Pleasant Street. A grant received from the Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund will reimburse up to \$20,000 if the project is successfully completed by June 30, 2012. Reimbursed money will be deposited in the Cemetery Perpetual Care-Income Trust Fund.

**Majority Vote Required
Passes Per Moderator**

Motion to Dissolve.
Meeting dissolved at 8:19PM.